

REMARKS

The Applicants wish to thank Examiner Blair for his willingness to discuss the Office Action of February 25, 2005, on March 23, 2005 and again on March 29, 2005. Based on these discussions, it is understood by the Applicants that further detail regarding the "validation rules" is required to be added to the claims in the form of an amendment, to overcome the present rejections of the Office Action dated February 25, 2005, hereafter referred to as the Office Action or Last Office Action.

Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action and the substance of the discussions referenced above. The Applicants have amended the claims to more clearly define the subject matter of the Applicants' disclosure and to advance the prosecution of this patent application. No new matter has been added. In addition, Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter originally presented as dependent Claim 8; Claim 11 has been amended to include the subject matter originally presented as dependent claim 20; and Claim 23 has been amended to include subject matter originally presented as dependent claims 8 and 20. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this amendment does not require the Examiner to further search or consider prior art outside of the current patent prosecution record.

Reconsideration of the Application is requested.

The Office Action

Claims 1-7, 9-19 and 21-23 remain in this application. Claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 11, 18, 19, 21 and 23 have been amended. Claims 2-5, 10, 12, 13 and 17 remain as originally presented. Claims 14-16 and 22 were previously amended. Claims 8 and 20 have been canceled. No new matter has been added. It is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance. As discussed below, the Examiner's rejections are traversed and favorable consideration is requested.

Regarding Independent Claim 1, and all claims that depend therefrom, i.e. Claims 2-7, and 9-10, the Office Action finally rejects these claims as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,571,279, Herz et al. in view of U.S., Patent 6,308,273, Goertzel et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Currently amended Claim 1 now includes the claimed subject matter of dependent Claim 8. Specifically, Claim 1 recites a system for generating a requisition for user selectable inventory items comprising:

...a server computer system connected to the network,...the server computer system configured to:

...associate inventory items with one or more of a plurality of work sites using a validation rules database associating each of said user selectable inventory items with one or more of a plurality of work sites with which a user must be associated to verify the user requested inventory item for a requisition;

...generate a requisition for the verified user requested inventory items....

Herz et al. in view of Goertzel et al. does not teach/disclose the claimed subject matter of the presently amended claim 1. The Office Action argues that Herz et al. discloses, at col. 13, lines 18-47, a system for generating a requisition for user selectable inventory items comprising a server computer system configured to generate a requisition for the claimed user requested inventory items. The Office Action argues Goertzel et al., at col. 5, lines 4-30, teaches a system for associating items with one or more of a plurality of work sites using validation rules. The Office Action goes on to argue it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Goertzel et al., at col. 1, lines 11-52, regarding a location being a work site because certain work spaces may be less secure than other spaces with the disclosure of Herz et al. The Office Action argues further, regarding dependent claim 8 at paragraph 11, Herz et al. teaches, at col. 16, lines 8-33, a server computer comprising validation rules database associating each of said user selectable items with one or more of a plurality of locations with which a user must be associated to verify the user requested item for a requisition. This rejection is respectively traversed for the reasons discussed below.

Herz et al., at col. 13, lines 18-47, discloses an information delivery system configured for user to user introductions. There is no discussion within Herz et al. to generate requisition for a verified user requested items, as previously and currently claimed. Therefore, Herz et al. does not disclose the claimed subject matter as discussed in the Office Action. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectively requested

to withdraw this rejection. Regarding the teachings of Goertzel et al., as stated in the Applicants' Amendment/Response dated September 21, 2004, the specification at page 5, par. 1-2, and claimed, the validation rules are used to associate items of inventory with specific work sites that define a work group of users. For example, a work site can be based on the user's geographical location and the validation rules may be used to associate items of inventory based on the jurisdictional requirements of the work sites geographical location. Insurance forms, medical forms, etc. are good examples of items that have jurisdictional requirements based on state requirements. In comparison, Goertzel et al. teaches an improved computer network security system (abstract); the network security system granting a user a level of access based on the virtual location of the user. Goertzel et al., at col. 5, lines 12-30, teaches the "virtual location" concept as being related to the type of connection as compared to a physical location. Goertzel et al. does not teach any subject matter related to the validation rules and validation rules database subject matter of the Applicants' claims and disclosure. Accordingly, all the claimed limitations of independent Claim 1, and all claims that depend therefrom, Claims 2-7, 9 and 10, are not taught/disclosed by U.S. Patent 6,571,279, Herz et al. in view of U.S., Patent 6,308,273, Goertzel et al. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection and allowance of these claims is requested.

In addition to the argument presented above, it is respectfully submitted that the Office Action motivation to combine prior art references U.S. Patent 6,571,279, Herz et al. and U.S., Patent 6,308,273, Goertzel et al., with regard to independent Claim 1, and all claims that depend therefrom, Claims 2-7, 9 and 10, is improper. The Office Action argues it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Goertzel et al., at col. 1, lines 11-52, regarding a location being a work site because certain work spaces may be less secure than other spaces, with the disclosure of Herz et al. As stated above, Goertzel et al. teaches a work site concept different for the Applicants' claimed work site. The Applicants' claimed work site is defined as a group of users, not a location. Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would not be motivated to combine the teachings of Goertzel et al. and Herz et al. to provide a system for generating a requisition for user selectable inventory items as claimed.

Finally, the Office Action argues Herz et al., at col. 16, lines 8-33, discloses a validation rules database as claimed in currently amended claim 1, and previously presented Claim 8. This ground for rejection is respectively traversed because Herz et al. discloses subject matter related to an information delivery system for advertising to individual user based on user attributes. The Applicants' claimed subject matter, with regard to previously presented Claim 8, claims a server computer system associating user selectable items with one or more of a plurality of work sites defined as a group of users.

Regarding independent Claim 11, and all claims dependent therefrom, i.e., Claims 12-19, 21 and 22, and independent Claim 23, the Office Action has finally rejected these claims on grounds identical to the rejection of independent Claim 1 and all claims that depend therefrom, i.e. Claims 2-7, 9 and 10, previously discussed within this Applicants' request for reconsideration. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to withdraw the rejection of these claims.

CONCLUSION

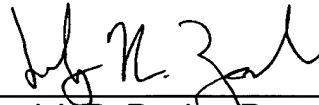
For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all claims remaining in the application (Claims 1-7, 9-19 and 21-23) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this Amendment After Final. However, the undersigned attorney of record hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Deposit Account No. 24-0037.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Jeffrey N. Zahn, at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

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